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A. Political-Economic**I. Moscow-Belgrade Relations**

Clear indication of future Yugoslav policies will probably not be forthcoming until the Yugoslav Communist Party conference to be held at Ljubljana in mid-April. Tito is making all efforts to overcome the isolation of his Party. While the Communist Parties of the Eastern Bloc have so far not shown any readiness to make concessions to Tito - the Soviet Party functionaries visiting [redacted] induced also the Communist Party [redacted] to disassociate itself from the Yugoslav Communist Party - a meeting between the Yugoslav Party chief and Kadar took place recently. Tito is also scheduled to go to Warsaw in May, and there is even talk that he might meet Khrushchev in Budapest. So Tito's endeavors have met with some success. It remains to be seen, however, to what extent he is ready to recognize the authority of Moscow.

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II. Tito's Position

For some time, numerous conjectures have been voiced in Belgrade to the effect that Tito, [redacted] might soon hand over decisive functions to Kardelj, Rankovic or Gospodjak. It is believed that a reshuffle of Government and Party functions will take place eventually, but it appears improbable that the intended changes will become an urgent problem at the coming Party conference.

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B. Armed Forces**I. USSR and "United" Forces (Warsaw Pact)****Personnel**

On 30 March, the sudden death of Gen N.P. Puchov was announced (Press).

Comment. Gen. N.P. Puchov last reported commander of the Siberian MD.

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II. GDR**1. Higher Echelon Organization**

Since 1 Apr, the barracks in Berlin-Gruenau have been occupied, presum by elms of a hq.

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Comment. Various signs indicate that Gruenau is scheduled to quarter the future official residence of the Minister for National Defense and that the transfer of his offices from Berlin-Litte has already started.

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2. Interior Order

Until mid-March, 5 generals and 160 officers were affected by the purge within the NVA officer corps.

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Comment. Since late autumn 1957, only the following two names of discharged officers have become known: Maj Gen Vincenz Mueller and Brig Gen Arno von Lenski.

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3. International Army Sports Festival

The first summer sports festival of the allied armies was postponed until the second half of September and will be held in Leipzig under the management of Gen Rentsch.

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Comment. The above sports event has already been reported. Until early 1958, Gen Rentsch had been chief of MD V.

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III. Hungary**Recruiting and Replacement Administration**

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On 8 March, MAGYAR IFJUSAG (Hungarian newspaper), in an article advocating the officer's career, announced the provisions for the admission to the officers schools of the Hungarian People's Army. Applications for admission to an ordnance officer school are invited prior to 15 April 1958 from Hungarians who have not yet completed the 22nd year, belong to the workers' or farmers' class or to the intelligentsia, and have graduated from secondary

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school. Applications are to be submitted to the headmaster of their respective schools or to the local replacement headquarters which will also give detailed information on the officer's career. Applicants who meet the requirements will be drafted for a one-year term of service prior to the end of 1958. This will be followed by two-year training at an officer school terminating with the promotion of trainees to officer candidates of the Hungarian People's Army.

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Comment. First info on officer replacement provisions of the new Hungarian People's Army. It is worth noting, that members of the so-called intelligentsia are also eligible. This measure must be seen as a transitional solution until the demand for officer candidates can fully be met by the workers' and farmers' class. Recently, graduation from secondary school has become compulsory also for Polish officer candidates.

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I. USSR

1. Movements

a. Withdrawal of Soviet Troops from the GDR to the USSR

- (1) In addition to the 104 trains [redacted] the following shipments were observed:

26-28 Mar, 4 shpmts from Jueterbog/Altes Lager.

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27 Mar, 1 shpmt Frankfurt/Oder - Brest-Litovsk.

28 Mar, 2 shpmts from Cottbus.

28 Mar - 1 Apr, 5 shpmts from Luckenwalde [redacted]

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(Comments: Continued withdrawal of units from the area of the Third and Fourth Gds Mezz Armies equipped with obsolete weapons and vehicles presumably to the USSR. Elms/91st Gds RL Regt loaded in Luckenwalde took along exclusively obsolete M-13 and M-31 RLs as well as numerous old trucks.)

- (2) 10 Apr, farewell to 2 shpmts at Schwerin xx station [redacted]

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(Comments: Presum beginning withdrawal of elms/4th Gds AT Brig/GSFG to the USSR. The date of beginning corresponds to the official announcement.)

[redacted]

b. Transfers within the GDR

- (1) 25-27 Mar, 5 shpmts incl appr 66 trucks with TMP pontoon, 6 motorboats, amph trucks, amph sedans, 25 trucks loaded with billeting equipment, 10 truck trailers with billeting equipment and 24 boxcars (8) with soldiers from Potsdam/Wildpark to Frankfurt/Oder.

After 26 Mar, Polizei Kaserne (2235), Potsdam, vacant; vehicle sheds also evacuated [redacted]

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(Comments: Shpmt of the 3d Eng Regt/Fourth Gds Mezz Army stationed at Potsdam to Frankfurt/Oder. Since transfer to water training at Frankfurt/Oder is believed improbable, possible change of post of the regt involved.)

- (2) After 20 Mar, Kaserne Rossau (3401), Dessau; arrival during day and night of minor details consisting of 3-8 T-34s, T-54s and JS-2s as well as trucks and 60 to 200 men from Kaserne Dessau-Kochstedt (324) [redacted]

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(Comments: Allegedly transfer of tank units/7th Gds Tank Div from Kochstedt to Rossau. In May 1957, a tank regt transferred from Rossau to Kochstedt.)

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- (3) 29 Mar, Kaserne Kochstedt (241), Dessau: arrival of engr unit with appr 180 vehs with engr equipment and appr 1,200 men after being unloaded at Mesigkau rr station

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(Comment: Presum engr units of regimental strength. Origin as well as possibility of a permanent transfer not yet determined.)

2. Training

In late March, most of the Soviet units continued their training at the post and training grounds located near the post. Individual tank and arty units up to regimental strength practised on some training grounds. Further AAA units transferred to Wustrow firing range. The following was observed:

16 Mar, return from troop trg gr of possibly elms/303th Arty Brig/ Eighth Gds Army (Meccz).

21 Mar, return of tank units/20th Gds Meccz Div (Tank) to Jena presum of a several days' exercise in area of the Eighth Gds Army (Meccz).

24-27 Mar, training by presum elms/3th Gds Meccz Div/Third Gds Meccz Army at Lieberose trg gr.

25-29 Mar, practices by presum major elms/9th Gds Tank Div/Second Meccz Army (Tank) in area east of Neustrelitz.

30 Mar, transfer of arty units of 10th Gds Tank Div or 1st Meccz Div/ Fourth Gds Meccz Army in 2 shpgts from Setaukorn presum to firing in Altengrabow.

Prior to 29 Mar, appr 20 shpgts went from and to Wustrow presum rotating elms of 2d Gds AAA Div/GSFG, 6th AAA Div/GSFG, 13th AAA Div/Eighth Gds Army, AAA unit/14th Gds Meccz Div, 935th AAA Rgt/39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div (Meccz) and of the u/1 AAA unit Porseburg for firing at Wustrow

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(Comment: The decrease in the training activities outside of posts and continuance of firing practices by arty units at training grounds is normal for this time of the year.)

II. GDR

1. Location of TXDOR

In Nov 1957, the NVA medical school was transferred from Leipzig to Erfurt

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2. Training

a. 1st Mtz Rifle Div (Potsdam):

In mid-Mar, elms of the Tank Rgt rotated to eastern portion of Letzlinger Heide. Prior to 21 Mar, units from the Oranienburg post and partly also from the Potsdam post practised separately at Klietz trg gr and in the Rathenow area. Units of the Potsdam post were also permanently observed at combat training and firing practices on the new trg gr at Lehnin southeast of Brandenburg/Havel

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Between 23 and 26 Mar, exercises by major elms at least of

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2d Mts Rifle Regt, units of the engr bn and the arty regt of 1st Mts Rifle Regt were held at, and east of, Klietz tng gr. During these exercises, the Nevel River was crossed north of Rathenow [redacted]

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b. 6th Mts Rifle Div (Prenzlau):

In mid-Mar, tank units observed in area south and southwest of Templin. During the 3d decade of Mar, exercises were held in area of Gross-Schoenebeck tng gr involving Soviets and at least units from Droegeholde [redacted]

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c. 8th Mts Rifle Div (Schwerin):

On 11 Mar, units of the Schwerin-Stern (Buchholz) post left Luebtheen tng gr. Between 12 and 24 Mar, at least elms, predominantly arty units, from the Prora/Ruegen post were observed at Luebtheen tng gr. During the same period, additional elms of the Prora post transferred to the Rostock area (post of a mts rifle regt) for appr one week [redacted]

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(Comment: As compared to the 1st half of Mar, only little changes could be observed. Obviously, training activities were concentrated on the cooperation of various arms at reinforced battalion level, although individual exercises at reinforced regimental level may have already been held.)

d. The following units transferred to Wustrow firing range:

on 12 Mar, elms of 13th AAA Regt of the Air Defense;

on 19/22 Mar, AAA units of 6th Mts Rifle and/or 7th Tank Div;

on 21/23 and 27 Mar, AAA units of 1st Mts Rifle Div and/or elms of the AAA officer school.

The following units transferred to their post from Wustrow:

on 22 Mar, AAA units of 8th Mts Rifle Div, 9th Tank Div and/or 5th AAA Regt;

on 29 Mar, elms of the AAA officer school [redacted]

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(Comment: The intensified AAA firing practices viewed against the comparatively short period of time is not unusual for this phase of winter training activities. According to previous experience, divisional and higher-level exercises are not to be expected before the completion of firing practices with live ammunition which are held twice a year at the Baltic Coast.)

3. Armament and Equipment

The 13th AAA Regt of the Air Defense has been equipped with prime movers since several weeks [redacted].

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(Comment: Presum prime movers of type M-50 and/or M-54 which have been observed especially with CSF unit equipped with 100-mm AA guns.)

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D. Air ForceI. USSROrder of Battle

As of late March 1958, the material strength of the NVA/L is assumed as follows:

operational units:	at least	90 MiG-17 Cs
	about	40 MiG-15s
	about	22 UMIG-15s
schools:	about	35 Yak-18s
	about	30 MiG/UMIG-15s
		7 Il-14s
	about	12 An-2s
		5 Mi-4s
		12 Mi-1 Ta

(Comment. Number of aircraft not incl NVA/L headquarters. According to new unconfirmed information, the helicopters belong to Dusenau transport school.)

II. PolandLocation of Troops

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In July 1957, a Polish fighter regiment equipped with 32 MiG-15s bearing Polish [redacted] were stationed at Rudniki (50 53 N/ 19 13 E). Moreover, three 4-engine propeller aircraft with Soviet national markings were observed at that time [redacted]

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(Comment. Unconfirmed information received for the first time.)

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